



TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / Italy / Piedmont

Piedmont Bike Tour

Barolo, Barbaresco, and Beyond in the Birthplace of Slow Food



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride through vineyard-clad hills to the renowned wine villages of La Morra and Barolo
- Meet our friend Michela for some oven-fired focaccia and a tasting of her little-known wines in the garden of her classic Piedmontese farmhouse
- Spend three luxurious nights at the stunning Relais San Maurizio—a former monastery converted into a stylish spa
- Pedal into the unexplored Alta Langa region, through a landscape dominated by *nocciolo* (hazelnut trees) to a hazelnut-themed lunch at a family farm
- Learn about the Nebbiolo grape during a paired tasting lunch at a boutique Barbaresco winery
- Celebrate Piedmont's renowned cheese culture during a visit to a family of shepherds



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Milan, Italy
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
Tortona Train Station
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
10:00 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Milan or Turin, Italy
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Asti Train Station
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
11:30 am

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.



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Tour By Day

DAY
1

Exploring the Monferrato

Welcome to Piedmont! Your guides will meet you at the Tortona train station, then it's off to the countryside for a homemade lunch with our friend Michela at her historic family winery. Take in your first views of Piedmont's iconic vineyards before we hop on our bikes and ride along vine-clad ridges through this booming Barbera-producing region. Our destination is the converted monastery of San Maurizio, a luxurious Relais & Châteaux property with meticulously manicured grounds and unsurpassed views of Dolcetto and Moscato vineyards. Enjoy a glass of wine or relax by the pool before regrouping for dinner at their renowned *ristorante*.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Alice Bel Colle, Rocchetta Palafea, Canelli

Accomplished: 23 miles / 37 km, elevation gain: 2,358 feet / 719 meters

Shorter Option: 17 miles / 27 km, elevation gain: 1,601 feet / 488 meters

Accommodations: [Relais San Maurizio](#)

DAY
2

Bucolic Barbaresco

Ride out of San Maurizio this morning and cross into the Nebbiolo-producing region of Barbaresco, where countless small, artisanal producers cultivate their grapes amidst these bucolic hills. Pedal into the village of Barbaresco to savor the simple pleasures of Italian life with a leisurely coffee on the piazza. Continue on to meet a small Barbaresco producer for an intimate luncheon and wine tasting set against a backdrop of breathtaking views at a lovingly-restored *cascina* (Piedmontese farmhouse). After lunch, challenge yourself with the ride back to the hotel or opt for a transfer for some extra pampering time at the spa. Tonight we'll visit our friend Cristina for a convivial evening of preparing local dishes that unlock the secrets of Piedmontese cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Santo Stefano, Montabone, Rocchetta Palafea

Accomplished: 34 miles / 55 km, elevation gain: 3,126 feet / 953 meters

Shorter Option: 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 2,083 feet / 635 meters

Accommodations: [Relais San Maurizio](#)

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Hazelnut Ride

Ride into the wildest parts of the Langhe today: impossibly narrow roads, crumbling medieval towers, and endless hazelnut trees line the route. The remote nature of the area made it a hotbed of Resistance activity during WWII and, to this day, monuments to these partisan fighters punctuate the hilly landscape. Given the abundance of *nocciole* (hazelnuts) here, our ultimate destination today is our friend Isabella's hazelnut farm for a hazelnut-themed lunch of sweet and savory dishes. The ride back follows a ridgeline with some of the most spectacular vistas in the region. Tonight, we'll visit the Barbaresco-producing village of Neive for a chance to taste the full range of Nebbiolo wines at a hip new restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Santo Stefano, Scorrone, Castino

Accomplished: 32 miles / 52 km, elevation gain: 3,293 feet / 1,004 meters

Shorter Option: 28 miles / 45 km, elevation gain: 2,640 feet / 805 meters

Accommodations: [Relais San Maurizio](#)

DAY
4

Truffles, Cheeses, and Nebbiolo

Say goodbye to San Maurizio as we ride to the Barolo region. Our route follows the crest of the Langhe ridgeline with views towards the Apennines and the Alps. The hills here are lined with hazelnuts and vineyards, with prized Piedmontese truffles hidden below ground. Our friend Silvio—a truffle hunter and cheesemaker—is a keeper of Piedmont's gourmet treasures, and we'll taste artisanal pecorino at his family farmhouse. After one more climb, our reward is a mouthwatering plate of *tajarin* pasta at our friend Massimo's hilltop *trattoria*. A final thrilling descent brings us to our hotel in the medieval village of Monforte. This evening, you are free to choose a local restaurant for dinner in town.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Mango, Benevello, Monforte d'Alba

Accomplished: 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 3,460 feet / 1,055 meters

Longer Option: 35 miles / 56 km, elevation gain: 4,005 feet / 1,221 meters

Accommodations: [Villa Beccaris](#)

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5

The Barolo Loop

Pedal out of town and through the vineyards to Grinzane Cavour, the castle and historic home of Italy's first Prime Minister. A cappuccino stop is the fuel we need to climb to the wine villages of La Morra and Barolo, home to some of the most prized wine-growing terrain in the world—a map of its vineyards could be compared to a patchwork quilt of famous Barolos. Of course, our destination is a winery where we'll celebrate the end of the ride with a private lunch and ample pours of some recent vintages. This evening, reconvene for a short walk through Monforte's cobbled streets to a wonderful farewell dinner paired with world-class local wines.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Grinzane Cavour, La Morra, Monforte

Accomplished: 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 2,998 feet / 914 meters

Longer Option: 36 miles / 58 km, elevation gain: 3,729 feet / 1,137 meters

Accommodations: [Villa Beccaris](#)

DAY
6

Off to Asti

Challenge yourself with an optional morning loop ride or take a last stroll through the town of Monforte. Enjoy a final breakfast in the *limonaia*. Your guides will then transfer you to the train station in Asti as you head on to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

YOUR TOUR DETAILS

Preparing for Your Tour

Travel Services

DuVine can assist with the following reservations for up to three days before and after your tour.

- Pre and post-trip hotels in all major cities, in addition to the first and last on-tour hotels
- Private transfers

DuVine's travel advisor partners are happy to assist with flight reservations. If you are not already working with an agent, please request a referral from your Tour Coordinator.

Travel Protection

DuVine offers a **Travel Protection Plan** to help protect your travel investment, your belongings, and most importantly, you. The offered Travel Protection Plan is non-refundable, but it is strongly recommended in the unfortunate event that you have to cancel or leave your trip.

NOTE: Plan benefits, limits, and provisions may vary by state or jurisdiction. In order to receive full benefits, Travel Protection must be purchased within 21 days of initial tour deposit. This plan is available to citizens of the U.S. and Canada only.

Gratuities

Gratuities are much appreciated to thank DuVine guides for exceptional service, support, and expertise. The industry standard is for each guest to tip 10-15% (U.S. tours and Cycle + Sail tours) or 7.5-10% (all other tours) of their trip price. The recommended per-traveler amount is an appropriate gratuity for your guide team as a whole. (It is not necessary to tip this amount *per* guide.) Tips are customary at the end of your tour, and local currency is always preferred. We recommend bringing extra cash or visiting the ATM at the beginning of your trip. For alternate methods of tipping (including Venmo, PayPal, and TransferWise), **please see our FAQs**.



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Bikes

DuVine's top-of-the-line bikes are tuned to perfection and fit specifically to you. Our performance bikes from premier manufacturers feature light frames, smooth-rolling tires, comfortable seats, and wide gear ranges for the best ride possible. Please see our website for the exact bike models offered on tour. Additionally, e-bikes are available on most DuVine tours. Electric assist provides an extra boost to your own pedal power, so you can ride longer distances, tackle tougher climbs, and maintain a faster pace. Electric assist is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact your Tour Coordinator if you are interested.

Electrical Overseas

If you're traveling abroad, you will most likely need an [adapter](#), which allows your device's plug to fit into foreign outlets. North American devices run on 110/125V electricity while the majority of the world runs on 220/240V. Converters and transformers change the voltage of electricity to match your device.

Training

First and foremost, get out on your bike and start logging some miles. Nothing compares to the real thing, but if you can't cycle outside, consider spin classes. Experience with the elements of wind, actual hills, terrain, etc will help with your comfort level (balance, unexpected conditions, etc.) on tour. Always remember, training is a gradual process—don't try to overdo it or push yourself when you aren't ready. However, the most important part of training is to enjoy your ride! [Download a training guide](#) based on your Tour Level.

Travel Sustainably

DuVine is committed to sustainable travel and has been a 100% carbon neutral company since 2022. While cycling is an inherently eco-conscious mode of travel, we continuously seek ways to lessen our footprint, whether it be biodegradable water bottles or compostable gear mailers.

[Read more](#) about sustainability at DuVine.



YOUR PACKING LIST

On The Bike

Cycling jerseys or athletic shirts
Cycling shorts
Cycling shoes (if you bring your own pedals)
Sneakers (if you don't bring your own pedals)
Athletic socks
Arm/leg warmers
Lightweight, waterproof, wind-resistant jacket or vest
Bike gloves
Bike saddle/cover (if you prefer your own)

Off The Bike

Walking shoes
Hiking shoes (if required)
Long + short-sleeved shirts
Sweater/jacket for evenings
Dinner attire (dressy casual) + dress shoes
Swimsuit

Travel Items*

Travel confirmations + tickets for air, rail, etc.
Passport, including photocopy
Local currency
DuVine Tour Itinerary (with meeting + departing info)
Health insurance information
Medications
Cycling gear (+ pedals) if riding on Day 1

*We recommend keeping these items in your carry-on

Additional Items

Cell phone + charger
Photography gear + charger
Power/plug adapter
Toiletries
Sunscreen, sunglasses, + other sun protection gear
Insect repellent

What We Provide

- Bike saddle
- GPS (where available)
- Flat or caged pedals
- DuVine t-shirt and jersey
- Helmet
- Water bottle
- Snacks/nutrition
- Drawstring bag

Order DuVine Gear

Want DuVine bike shorts to match your complimentary jersey? To order, contact tourcoordinators@duvine.com. Gear is shipped free of charge to DuVine guests in the U.S. and Canada. For expedited shipping and guests outside of the U.S. and Canada, additional shipping fees will apply.

Do I need to bring special gear?

- Cycling shorts are designed to provide extra padding when spending the whole day in the saddle. Don't forget the chamois cream!
- If you bring your own cycling shoes, you must bring your own pedals. If you've never used clip-in pedals before, we don't recommend using them on tour.
- Arm and leg warmers are essential for cooler weather. Wear them with your short-sleeve jersey and shorts for lightweight, easy-to-pack, and effective warmth.
- Bike gloves are a preference, but are recommended for Level 3 and 4 tours. The padding in gloves can ease arm, shoulder, and joint fatigue.

Dressing for the Weather

- The location and time of year of your tour can bring all kinds of weather, from extreme heat to relentless rain. Check extended forecasts before your trip and pack accordingly.

Before You Go

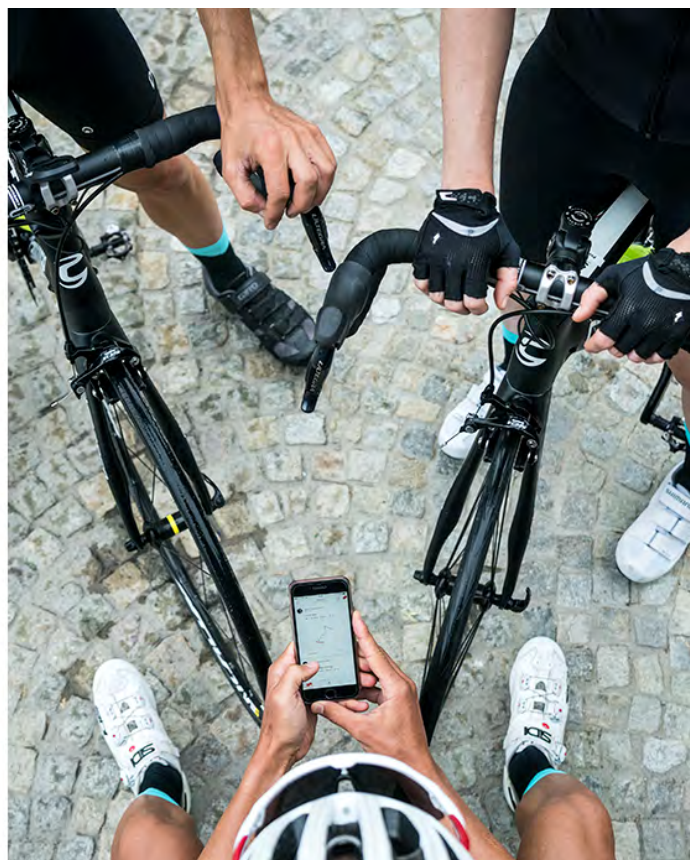
- Ensure your passport is valid for 3-6 months after return date.
- Call your bank/credit cards to notify them of upcoming travel.
- Please limit your luggage to one medium-sized suitcase and one carry-on.

BIKE SAFETY

We strongly suggest that you read these simple safety instructions. They will help you bike safely before and during your tour!

- Wear a helmet—this is mandatory on tour!
- Familiarize yourself with traffic laws and obey them. Bikes do not have the right of way, but most drivers are respectful to cyclists on the road. Always ride in the direction of traffic.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Knowing what is in front of and behind you may help prevent an accident.
- Alert other riders around you by announcing the presence of traffic ("car up") or pot holes ("pot hole").
- When riding as a group, maintain distance between yourself and other cyclists
- Learn the hand signals to indicate when you are stopping or turning.
- Operate your bike consistently and predictably—avoiding erratic movements.
- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times.
- Primarily use your rear brake.
- Always be aware of weather and road conditions and how they may affect your ability to brake.
- Never wear headphones or use speakers during rides.
- Always listen to additional instructions from your guides on tour.

If you have chosen an e-bike, be aware that it is slightly heavier, faster, and more powerful than a non-electric bike. Therefore, you should anticipate a different reaction when riding downhill, breaking, or dismounting from an e-bike. Your guides can offer further instruction during your bike fitting and safety review.



YOUR TOUR QUOTE

Private Tour Details

Price

Price below is in USD, per person, based on **double** occupancy, and is valid until **XX/XX/XX** (30 days from day proposal was sent):

Group Size	Tour Price
XX-XX travelers	\$0,000
XX-XX travelers	\$0,000
XX-XX travelers*	\$0,000

Single supplement of **\$XXX** per person will be applied if a single room is requested. *Should group size fall below this number, itinerary and pricing are subject to review.

Included [Ensure all inclusions are indeed accurate. Items in black are standard, but still may always not apply]

- Accommodations:
 - Thoughtfully selected accommodations that reveal the true character of the region
 - Luggage transfers
- Meals:
 - Daily breakfasts, all lunches, nutritious snacks, and après velo cocktails
 - **X** gourmet dinners at our favorite local restaurants and renowned culinary establishments
 - Carefully selected local wine with every meal
- Activities:
 - Wine tastings and activities as outlined in the tour itinerary
 - Entrance fees to historic sites, museums, parks, and all other exclusive events
 - Gratuities for baggage, porters, and hotel service
- Gear:
 - Top-of-the-line bicycle selection and bike helmet
 - Complimentary DuVine gear, including a custom cycling jersey, DuVine t-shirt, water bottle, and drawstring bag
 - GPS in most destinations
- Support:
 - Expert bilingual guides with extensive local knowledge
 - Support vehicle that follows the day's route, distributes refreshments, and offers lifts
 - Pick-up and drop-off before and after your tour from predetermined meeting points
 - Daily bike maintenance for optimal performance

Begins + Ends

Start location / End location [as specific as possible]

Difficulty Level

[Level]

Date

[Start date] day of the week, month day, year – [Start date] day of the week, month day, year

Terms & Conditions

- Hotel selection based upon availability at time of confirmation
- USD \$1,000 per person non-refundable deposit required
- Full Payment is due 90 days prior to start date
- Price will increase if group size drops below XX guests
- Cancellation Penalties as follows:

Days Prior to Trip	Fee Per Person
91+	\$1,000
90-66	50% of trip price
65-31	75% of trip price
30-0	100% of trip price

- All bookings are subject to the

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Not Included

- Airfare
- Dinner on **X** free night(s)
- Gratuities for DuVine guides
- Travel Protection

